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Dear Sir:

In keeping with the duty of candor and good faith owed to the Patent and Trademark Office, applicants wish to make of record the items on attached form PTO/SB/08a. These references were cited in a corresponding Japanese application. Copies of the references, including English translations of the Abstracts of the Japanese patents, are transmitted herewith.

Applicants believe that none of the foregoing referenced material, alone or in combination, anticipates or renders obvious their invention.

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